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CONTINENTAL
CHOCOLATES

SPECIAL GROUP SHOULD PAVE WAY FOR REFORMS

— BY PAUL DEAN —

Two weeks ago we aired most of the current anomalies of our soccer administration which we described as cumbersome, pseudo-democratic and even amateurish.

As the numerous comments from club officials and others proved, we were right on target.

Although our official bodies have elected to weather the storm in silence, without denying our allegations or refuting any of our charges, we are convinced that most of the

State's leading administrators privately agreed with us. They had to; the facts speak for themselves.

But what will happen next? Will everything again be forgotten and do we keep on pretending that everything is in tip-top order in our soc-

cer?

Let the NSW Council appoint a small group for a fact-finding mission.

Include one or two from the management committee by all means — but also include other experienced and talented officials who have proved over the years that they can produce fresh ideas.

We have a fair choice, if we don't insist stubbornly that the management committee is the be-all-end-all of all our soccer knowledge: a Harry Lakemaker, Les Borda, George Warner and others are available and willing to help.

SOCER WORLD is prepared either to take an active part in such a fact-finding mission or help it along with relevant facts and information, some of which we have been collecting and filing for years.

DRASTIC CHANGES

What then should this group do? In one word: work.

Unlike so many other sub-committees in the past which aborted the moment after their birth, this group — call it Investigation Group if you like — should spend weeks, if necessary months, on collecting and disseminating all the relevant facts of our soccer life in the form of a survey.

They should interview senior and junior club officials, players and even complete outsiders in order to find out where the shoe hurts.

When their work is finished, they should be asked to

prepare and submit a detailed report on how soccer in this State could be reorganised and modernised.

This is the ideal time of the year to do it and if they do their work well, we could have a massive intelligence report by the start of the 1968 season.

It's no shame to admit that our soccer organisation is bad and needs drastic changes; only in recent years much more experienced soccer countries like France, Yugoslavia, Germany, Holland, Argentina and even Brazil made vast alterations in their constitutions, competitions and outlooks.

What would be a shame is not to recognise the needs for a change and remain idle.

HOT CURRY...



Hong Kong can't have Australia

The Australian national team won't play in Hong Kong during their Asian tour, starting in November.

The Australian Federation have been advised by the Hong Kong FA that their terms were unacceptable, and that Hong Kong, anyhow, had a surfeit of touring teams at that period.

The ASF, however, has received the green light from South Korea for two mid-November matches at Seoul, the Korean capital.

Actual dates of the Seoul matches, however, are subject to the confirmation of a match in Bangkok against Thailand as the ASF wants Australia to play in Bangkok before flying to South Korea.

The rest of the itinerary will be finalised by ASF executive member, Julius Re, who is currently heading the Western Australian party at the Merdeka

Tournament in Kuala Lumpur.

Re has been instructed by the ASF to contact local Asian officials in Kuala Lumpur as most Asian countries will be represented at the Merdeka Cup.

Re is expected to return with the confirmation of most match dates, and these will be made public towards the middle of September.

The Australian team will leave in the first week of November, at the completion of the Australia Cup, and start their tour with a match in Papua-New Guinea.

The rest of the itinerary is still up in the air, but there is no doubt the tour, however short, will definitely go on.

Lou Gautier.

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ASF OFFICE JUST CAN'T COPE NOW

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Over the past three years the ASF has distributed \$171,708, equivalent to 71% of its tour earnings, to its members.

If soccer is to establish itself nationally and internationally to its fullest, it is inevitable that there must be a greater retention of funds by the ASF for use in two main directions.

There must also be greater understanding and application of the principles underlying the successful development of football, and of the ways in which the general principles must be adapted to meet the Australian needs and temperament.

Funds must be used for the engagement of a national coach and director.

This paper has consistently supported action in this regard.

Also, there must be administrative support to enable elected leadership of the National Federation to function with judgment, efficiency and power.

During and after the recent successful tours, some weakness in the ASF administration appeared despite the wholehearted efforts and developing influence of the secretary, Ian McAndrew.

A staff of a secretary plus typists, no matter how capable and well-intentioned, cannot cope with the complexities involved in the fullest promotion of an international sport such as soccer.

There are important national aspects involved in home and away tours, international and interstate relationships, the Australia Cup, investigation of national competition prospects, press affairs and public relations, coaching in its various forms, refereeing, professionalism and semi-professionalism, amateurism,

All the tension and determination of last Saturday's vital Croatia-Yugoslavia match is reflected on the faces of Jack Curry, left, and Cliff Halpin as they battle for possession in this dramatic action shot by Les Brady.

JUNIOR TITLES

The fifth Australian Junior Championships will be held in Sydney at the end of the month.

The series will be staged between August 29 and September 3.

Teams taking part will be NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, the ACT and Northern NSW (Newcastle).

Queensland will not participate as their school holidays do not coincide with those of other Australian States.

The seven entrants will be grouped in two pools and play round-robin matches.

The top two teams will qualify for the semifinals while the final will be played on Sunday, September 3, as the curtain-raiser to the First Division premiership final play-off at the Showground.

NSW, the holders of the national junior title, are favored to retain the championship, but can expect, as always, stiff opposition from Northern NSW, and perhaps Victoria and South Australia.

Previous Australian Championship winners were: NSW, in Sydney, in 1963; South Australia, in 1964, in Adelaide; Newcastle, in Brisbane in 1965 and NSW, again, last year, in Melbourne.

— SYDNEY TEAM GALLERY —



Yugoslavia's line-up against Croatia last Saturday. Standing, from left to right: Banicevic, Halpin, Petrou, Bobic, Nacinovic, Dunaj. Front row: Lalic, Edwards, Rafanelli, Crnich, J. Alagich.

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First prize in the PLAYERS CONTEST will be two economy class return air tickets to Singapore by ALITALIA. The player receiving the largest number of votes in each State throughout the period of the Contest will enter the Finals. At the end of the Contest a draw will be made to determine the eventual winner who may not be the player receiving the largest absolute number of votes.

Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

First prize in the READERS CONTEST will be one economy class return air ticket to Italy by ALITALIA.

The winner of this section will be the reader who accumulates the highest number of points throughout the various stages of the Contest.

For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

● Closing date for Section 10: 3 p.m., Tuesday, August 29.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

PRAGUE are hoping to make a world tour next year during which they would play all the teams they invited to Australia in the past: VfB Stuttgart, Slovan Bratislava, Sing Tao, Sparta Prague and FC Basel.

While the NSW and Australian Federations are still only planning their long-awaited COACHING ACADEMY, Second Division club Bankstown have their own coaching academy well under way. Last year they produced 35 certified junior coaches and this week another 45 coaches will go through their Basic Skills Course. With its own ground, shooting board, etc, already, Bankstown will soon build a gymnasium. The Coaching Academy has the backing of the Bankstown Junior Association and the Bankstown Soccer Club Limited.

Croatia were under the care of Frank Hearne last week when they beat Yugal. Club officials would neither confirm nor deny the rumor that MIKE KISS has been re-placed.

Nineteen-year-old Miss Doris Spiteri of Pendle Hill was crowned "MISS MELITA EAGLES" 1967 at the Eagles' clubhouse last Saturday night. She was at Mona Park on Sunday to cheer the team on to victory against South Coast.

The MARKS FIELD will soon be equipped with the latest, up-to-date lighting, making it the best-lit ground in Australia. "We are delighted", Prague secretary George Warner said this week, "but would much rather have some sort of cover installed".

BALGOWNIE are negotiating with two English professionals for next season. Balgownie are determined to strengthen their team for 1968 when they will make an all-out bid to regain First Division status.

St. George-Budapest will organise a special REUNION DINNER for all their ex-players and officials of the last 10 years to be held in their new clubhouse. To facilitate the rounding up of ex-Saints, please ring John Warren on 57-4778.

The Bankstown Soccer Club Limited has formed a LADIES SOCCER TEAM made up mainly of girl friends and wives of the Second Division team's players. The team will compete in the Bankstown Association Ladies' Competition, starting next month. The

Prague have granted a clearance to their former utility player GRENVILLE JONES, now back in England and playing for an amateur non-league team. Jones' wife, incidentally, gave birth to a son three weeks ago.

JOHN COLE, the talented Pan Hellenic stopper, is out of hospital after having a clot removed from his knee. He is receiving physiotherapy in a bid to be fit for the

DIV. TWO CHAMPIONS MAY FACE TROUBLE

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

With the season drawing to a close, the most talked about aspect of this year's Second Division competition is what awaits the premiership winner when it meets First Division company early next season.

The final weeks of this topsy-turvy competition are proving to be the most important for both Manly and Granville, as at this stage, only a disaster could rob either of these clubs of promotion.

When looking closely at their performances so far, I came to the conclusion that on their present strength, the club that finally wins promotion would be well below First Division standard.

The relegated side, whichever that may be, will be a much stronger team than the promoted one and unless the winner indulges in a buying spree involving thousands of dollars, its prospects are very bleak.

Taking the last few seasons as a guide, there is nothing new in it, as the promoted team has been considerably weaker and not up to scratch before, but this year's winner would be decidedly weaker still.

For instance, this season's competition provided so many upsets and surprises that when the first round was completed, the first half a dozen teams on the table all had a chance to win promotion — something new for Sydney soccer — as all the "strong" teams were beaten and more than once.

If this were a reflection of added strength, we would have had good reason to rejoice but as a close look at the record indicates, this is to the contrary.

This "robbed" some of the best players from this division together with the crowd-drawing power which Polonia, Canterbury and Melita Eagles enjoyed.

The return of Corinthians in its dissipated form to this division and the promotion of Manly, Lane Cove, North Bankstown and Marconi did very little to impress both on attendances and the standard of play in general.

To add gloom to this already depressed state of affairs, such teams as Bankstown and Balgownie — strong and worthy contenders in previous seasons — lost form completely and played some of the most shocking football in their history even though they practically fielded the same line-ups as last year.

We might have been accustomed in the immediate past to see the premiership winners go through either unbeaten or losing one or two points, like Polonia did last year and Corinthians the year before.

None of the teams competing this season, including Manly and Granville, could produce a team of this strength.

POST-MORTEM ... OF A MATCH

— By ALAN SPEERS —

Zlatomir Ljubic was co-guest of honor at a welcoming dance at the Yugal Hall, Darlinghurst, last Saturday night.

But it's doubtful if he felt in the mood for festivities.

A few hours earlier, at the Marks Field, he had his first taste of Sydney soccer, and, sad to say, found it rather sour.

Ljubic arrived in Sydney from Yugoslavia only a week before Saturday's match against Yugal's traditional rivals, Croatia, and scarcely had time to make the acquaintance of his team mates before finding himself pitchforked into battle.

What a game to make your debut in a new country, and a new team.

Hardly the easiest of initiations.

Ljubic, 32, comes here with a reputation built up after 12 years with Radnicki Belgrade, currently in the Second Division in Yugoslavia, but a club with a fine First Division record in seasons gone by.

On Saturday, he played the first half of the Yugal-Croatia second grade game, but was replaced at half time, obviously with the intention of resting him for his debut in the first team later in the afternoon.

At halftime of the first grade match, with the score at one-all, Ljubic replaced Yugal's young Greek goalkeeper, Ivan Petrou, who, until then, had done nothing wrong.

Seven minutes later, he was ruefully picking the ball out of the net after a goal by Croatia's bustling centre forward, Ray Cush.

Saturday's win could be the start of a revival.

Obviously lacking understanding with his co-defenders, Ljubic looked from far away against the robust Croatia forward line; on one occasion he dropped the ball at the feet of Giles, but the ball was somehow scrambled clear.

But, with six minutes left, came the mistake which allowed Croatia's Frank Cush to snare the two points.

Watching from the sidelines, it appeared Ljubic was poorly positioned.

Certainly Frank Cush thought so.

"He was wide open, standing where he was in the centre of the goal, so I went for the right hand corner and, luckily, it went in," Cush said after the match.

Ljubic, tall and dark-haired, said through an interpreter, he had been surprised by the "dynamic" nature of play.

"It is much harder physically than in Yugoslavia."

Asked if he was satisfied with his performance, he said, dismally: "What performance?"

Ljubic can take heart that he is not the first overseas player to find the going tough in their first match here.

While Ljubic was having his troubles, Croatia kept alive their chances of making the final four, with the win, their first since May 26.

Early in the season, Croatia was hailed as the main threat to APIA and, indeed, defeated the competition leaders.

But after beating Yugal 5-0 in their first round meeting, the team lost form.

Saturday's win could be the start of a revival.

Improvement made in the South of the State reflects

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The Country championship finals will be played this year in centres stretching from Eden to Nowra, Wagga Wagga, Canberra and Corrimal.

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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	15	3	1	54	15	33
St. George	12	4	4	37	25	28
Hakoah	10	5	5	34	17	25
Pan Hellenic	9	4	6	55	28	22
Croatia	8	6	5	32	24	22
Canterbury	8	3	9	35	45	19
Polonia-NS	7	4	9	26	47	18
Prague	5	6	8	29	35	16
SCU	4	6	10	28	37	14
Melita Eagles	6	2	11	21	32	14
Yugal	5	3	11	28	51	13
Cumberland	4	2	14	24	49	10

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	13	2	5	66	32	28
Croatia	10	4	5	50	29	24
Cumberland	10	4	6	54	35	24
Pan Hellenic	11	2	6	36	28	24
St. George	9	5	6	51	23	23
Prague	10	3	5	44	29	23
APIA	9	3	7	50	43	21
Polonia-NS	7	5	8	39	48	19
SCU	4	6	10	24	48	14
Canterbury	3	6	10	30	55	12
Melita Eagles	4	4	11	31	57	12
Yugal	3	1	15	22	69	7

Grade III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland	16	3	1	61	20	35
Prague	13	3	3	55	16	29
Croatia	13	3	3	59	22	29
St. George	10	5	5	43	22	25
SCU	9	5	6	50	29	23
Polonia-NS	7	5	8	25	27	19
Hakoah	9	1	10	31	43	19
Canterbury	7	3	10	23	45	17
Pan Hellenic	6	4	10	26	27	16
APIA	6	4	9	30	48	16
Melita Eagles	1	2	17	16	53	4
Yugal	1	2	16	11	77	4

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	13	5	2	56	18	31
Manly	13	4	2	43	20	30
Bankstown	10	5	5	50	28	25
Western Subs.	10	3	6	39	29	23
Marconi	8	6	6	29	24	22
Corinthians	10	2	7	32	30	22
Sutherland	8	4	7	36	29	20
Hornsby-NE	5	7	7	33	31	17
N. Bankstown	8	1	10	25	25	17
Balgownie	5	5	10	31	36	15
Lane Cove	2	5	13	15	42	9
Blacktown	1	1	18	16	91	3

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	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	15	1	4	62	33	31
Western Subs.	13	3	3	57	29	29
Sutherland	12	1	6	65	35	26
Hornsby-NE	12	1	6	54	34	25
Manly	10	4	4	56	26	24
Bankstown	10	2	8	51	40	22
Balgownie	9	3	8	32	35	21
N. Bankstown	8	4	7	47	43	20
Marconi	7	3	10	41	51	17
Corinthians	3	5	11	27	48	11
Lane Cove	2	2	16	28	61	6
Blacktown	—	2	18	11	95	2

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION (Second and Third Grade)

Yugal v. Croatia	1-2	0-3
P. Hellenic v. Canterbury	1-3	0-1
Melita Eagles v. SCU	3-0	0-2
St. George v. Prague	2-1	0-0
APIA v. Cumberland	1-2	0-0
Polonia v. Hakoah	0-4	4-1

SECOND DIVISION (First and Second Grade)

Granville v. Sutherland	2-1	3-1
Marconi v. West Suburbs	3-0	0-1
N. B'town v. Lane Cove	2-1	4-1
Blacktown v. Banks'n	0-10	0-4
Balgownie v. Manly	1-3	2-1
Hornsby v. Corinthians	0-1	2-4
Marconi v. Granville	2-3	0-2

LEADING SCORERS

Giacometti (APIA)	16
Warren (St. George)	15
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	14
Baartz (Hakoah)	12
Logan (Pan Hellenic)	12
Nirous (Canterbury)	11
J. Alagich (Yugal)	10
Hood (Canterbury)	9
Watkiss (APIA)	9
Keddie (Cumberland)	8
Krawiarz (Polonia)	8

TEAM OF THE WEEK

NUELL (SCU)	15
HENSON (Pan Hellenic)	14
ACKERLEY (APIA)	14
WESTWATER (Pan Hellenic)	13
MORGAN (St. George)	13
RAFANELI (Yugal)	12
LOGAN (Pan Hellenic)	12
R. CUSH (Croatia)	11
BAARTZ (Hakoah)	10
F. CUSH (Croatia)	10

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

P. Hellenic

7 (2)
Westwater 5 and 80 mins., Smith 30 min., Karyannis 47 min., Logan 50 and 75 mins., Henson 73 min.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Croatia

2 (1)
Halpin 38 min., Bobic 72 min.

Polonia

1 (0)
Mulqueeny 47 min., Bankhead 70 min.

Prague

Pan Hellenic could clinch semi spot through win

By PAUL DEAN —

The second last round games and the match deferred from earlier and now playable on Wednesday night should create big interest.

Although APIA's championship is no longer a matter of dispute, the semifinal and relegation struggles are still very much alive.

Pan Hellenic can actually ensure their semifinal place if they win at Woonona and if Croatia lose to the Saints.

Unless Yugal lose two matches in four days, Cumberland's relegation will become a mathematic certainty.

Yugal v. Prague

The issue of relegation may well be decided on Wednesday night; if Yugal can snatch a win, Cumberland's fate is almost certainly sealed.

Yugal went down fighting last weekend, mainly through some simple goalkeeping errors.

If some of their stars can show only half their reputed skill, they should be in the running for points.

Prague, after their lethargic display of last Sunday, need a tremendous revival to avoid defeat.

Their defence is far too easily mastered while their forward line, despite the efforts of the clever Hogart, lacks punch.

Yugal appear good enough for one point — perhaps for both.

Hakoah v. APIA

Just in case complacency is creeping into their game, let us warn Hakoah that they are not yet in the semifinals.

Should they slump and should both Pan Hellenic and Croatia stage a grandstand finish, Hakoah may yet miss out on the top four.

The way they have been playing for weeks must worry their fans; the impotence of the forward line is particularly noticeable.

APIA are clearly coasting home now, reserving their big effort for the play-off series.

However, against Hakoah they invariably produce

something close to their best.

That, under normal circumstances, should be sufficient to give them a win with prestige flavor.

Cumberland v. Yugal

Unless a miracle occurs, Cumberland's days are numbered and this match could mathematically put them out of Division One.

This is especially true if the previous Wednesday Yugal managed to collect at least a point from Prague.

Should Yugal have gone down there, this match will assume immense importance.

In that case, a Cumberland win would pull them up to one point behind Yugal and the relegation issue would be decided in the last round when Cumberland meet St. George and Yugal face Hakoah.

It seems like a tall order to ask the Cumberland boys to save the day in the 11th hour — but with the fighting spirit they showed against APIA, they may just do that.

Forecasting here is useless in view of Yugal's earlier engagement, but should Cumberland still have something to strive for on Sunday, we take them for a win.

Croatia v. St. George

Although they have finally broken through the win-barrier, Croatia's form is still pretty unconvincing.

Gone are their style, easy rhythm and modern formation which had promised so much earlier in the season.

Against the Saints they are never very comfortable; in fact, they have yet to beat them in a competition tussle.

St. George showed glimpses of improvement last week, especially in their attack which, with Sandell and Stegbauer, gained more authority and weight.

Their defence, brilliantly led by Schaefer and the young Morgan, is almost airtight and should be able to contain the patchy Croatia forwards without much trouble.

Forms suggest a St. George victory in what could be the most entertaining match of the round.

South Coast v. Pan Hellenic

Having gone through the season without a single win away from home, South Coast obviously rely on their Woonona pitch to put together the necessary points piecemeal.

While in Sydney they have yet to display an impressive form, they are quite a different proposition in their home surrounds.

The absence of Tolson will be a blow to them but even without him they are a tough proposition.

Pan Hellenic's explosive performance last week captured the imagination of the fans who will now be eager to see a repetition.

If Hellenic can deliver this, they not only stand a good chance of snatching those vital two points but will elevate themselves to co-favoritism for the play-offs.

We feel they will win alright, but without the fireworks of last week and certainly without the seven spectacular goals.

Canterbury v. Polonia-NS

With neither team involved in the semi-final battle or the relegation drama, they could turn on an enjoyable, relaxed display.

Canterbury's defence, shot to pieces last week, will certainly be tightened to avoid another catastrophe.

However, lately it's been their forward line that caused most of their trouble, being unable to hold the ball for any length of time and thus taking the pressure off their defenders.

Polonia in recent weeks showed vast improvement on earlier form and have

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achieved, deservedly, a more point to feel absolutely safe from relegation.

They play intelligent, purposeful football and also collect the points.

Canterbury will need a big reversal to stay in this match which looks like going Polonia's way.

Prague v. Melita Eagles

It's quite on the cards that coach Joe Venglos will try out some more youngsters in this match.

After all, the youngsters at least would go flat out for the 90 minutes and not walk like some of their established stars did last Sunday.

Melita would no doubt like to have at least one

more point to feel absolutely safe from relegation.

With their more methodical tactics, they should get that point, if not both.

The Cilia-led defence of veterans who have actually saved the team this year will revel against the soft Prague forwards overcomplicating things in the centre of the field.

If Melita can score a couple of goals, they can even take home both points.

VITAL MEETING

At press time the NSW FEDERATION was holding a special council meeting to decide how to divide the money from recent tours. The Management Committee proposed that First Division clubs get \$600 and Second Division clubs \$200 apiece. Strong opposition to this move was expected from the majority of clubs.

SYDNEY PROGRAM THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Prague v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field
Canterbury v. Polonia-NS — Arlington Oval

Bankstown v. Nth. Bankstown — Bankstown Oval
Sutherland v. Marconi — Seymour Shaw Park
Western Suburbs v. Corinthians — Ground to be arranged
Manly v. Hornsby-NE — Graham Reserve

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

SCU v. Pan Hellenic — Woonona Oval
Croatia v. St. George — Marks Field
Cumberland v. Yugal — Mona Park
Hakoah v. APIA — Wentworth Park

Lane Cove v. Granville — Pottery Green
Manly v. Blacktown — Graham Reserve
Corinthians v. Balgownie — Jubilee Oval
Western Suburbs v. Hornsby-NE — Concord Oval
Sutherland v. Nth. Bankstown — Seymour Shaw Park

NEXT WEEKEND

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field (under lights)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Canterbury v. SCU — Arlington Oval
Melita Eagles — v. Croatia — Mona Park
St. George v. Cumberland — SCG No. 2
APIA v. Polonia — Lambert Park

North Bankstown v. Manly — George Green

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Pan Hellenic v. Prague — Wentworth Park
Yugal v. Hakoah — Marks Field

Western Suburbs v. Sutherland — Concord Oval
Marconi v. Lane Cove — Marconi Oval
Granville v. Bankstown — Macarthur Park
Blacktown v. Corinthians — Francis Park
Balgownie v. Hornsby-NE — Balgownie Oval

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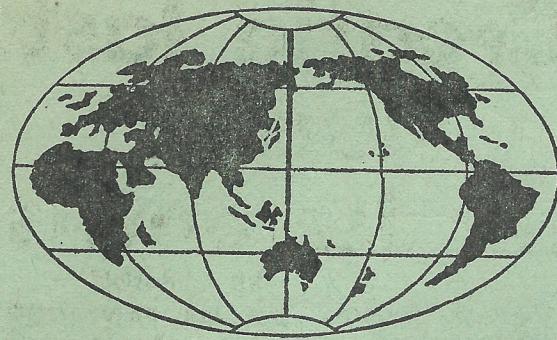
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THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES

	PAUL	DEAN	LOU	GAUTIER	MARCEL	NAGY	KEITH	GILMOUR	CHARLES	SPITERI	ALAN	SPEERS	MOST FAVORED
SCU v. Pan Hellenic	x	2	2	2	2	2		x			x		2
Prague v. Melita Eagles	2	1	x	2	2	2	1	1			1		2
Croatia v. St. George	2	2	2	2	2	x	2	2			2		2
Cumberland v. Yugal	x	2	1	2	1	1	1	1			1		1
Hakoah v. APIA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			2		2
Canterbury v. Polonia-NS	2	2	2	2	2	x	x	x			2		2
Sutherland v. Marconi	1	x	1	2	1	1	1	1			1		1
Bankstown v. N. B'town	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1		1
W. Subs. v. Corinthians	1	1	x	1	2	1	1	1			1		1
Manly v. Hornsby	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1		1
Lane Cove v. Granville	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1			2		2
Manly v. Blacktown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1		1
Corinthians v. Balgownie	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1			1		1
W. Suburbs v. Hornsby	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1		1
Sutherland v. N. B'town	x	1	x	1	1	1	1	1			1</td		



ROUND THE WORLD

Ace on the move

APIA-designate Aree Luis Fullone, the missing Argentinian who finally turned up in Scotland instead of Australia and joined Albion Rovers, can't be the ace he is made out to be — after only two weeks Rovers gave him a free clearance.

Dutch season kicks off

Results of the first round of the 1967-68 Dutch First Division competition, played last Sunday: NAC v. ADO 0-0; Ajax v. Go Ahead 2-0; NEC v. Telstar 2-0; Sparta v. DOS 3-0; Xerxes v. Feyenoord 0-3; PSV v. Volendam 1-1; Twente v. DWS 1-3; MVV v. Sittardia 6-4; Fortuna v. GVAV 0-2.

Herrera's tactical switch

Helenio Herrera intends to reorganise his Inter Milan for the new campaign. He wants to make Inter a more attacking team, especially at home where Suarez is likely to be the "libero" (free-back) with the task of launching attacks.

Mexico's gold medal

Mexico, the favorites, won the Pan American Games. They beat surprise-packet, Bermuda, 4-0 in the final. Trinidad-Tobago beat Canada 4-1 in the bronze medal play-off. Joint-favorites Argentina were a big disappointment and were knocked out by Bermuda in the quarterfinals. Brazil, for the first time, did not take part in the Games, which concluded last week at Winnipeg, Canada.

Two per game

While crowds in West Germany stayed at an average of 24,000 and in England rose to 30,000 (First Division only), Italy has lost 580,000 spectators last season. One reason undoubtedly is the defensive mania: in 306 matches 613 goals were scored, or 2.01 per game. Juventus' average in winning the "scudetto" (championship) was 2.006 goals per match, the lowest in Europe.

Star fullback dead

Italy's most popular fullback between the wars, Renzo de Vecchi, died at 73. With blasphemous extravagance called "Figlio di Dio" (son of God), De Vecchi played in 43 internationals, 23 times as captain.

Rangers' Danish goalie

Glasgow Rangers have signed Morton's Danish goalkeeper Erik Sorensen. The 27-year-old Dane who was capped 10 times in his homeland will link up with another Dane at Ibrox, fullback Kaj Johansen who also arrived from Morton.



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Japan's national team will play six matches in Brazil in October. The Japanese have been invited in exchange of the visit of Palmeiras to Japan earlier this year. They are expected to draw fairly large crowds as there are more than 1,500,000 Japanese in Brazil — the only South American country where Asian immigration is allowed.

● The Italian Cup will start on September 3. Highlights of the first round are the Inter v. Brescia and AC Milan v. Cagliari clashes.

● Panathinaikos, the crack Greek club, have offered a big coaching contract to Otto Gloria, Portugal's World Cup manager. Should this fall through, they may sign the Italian Scopigno, from Cagliari.

● Almir, the brilliant Flamengo centre-forward, has been transferred to America Rio.

● The 1967-68 European Fair Cities' Cup attracted 96 entries. The UEFA, however, reduced the entries to 48, no country being allowed to enter more than two teams.

● The New York Generals have been "loaned" five players by Boca Juniors (Buenos Aires), three of whom are "A" or "B" Argentinian internationals.

● Garrincha is training with Vasco de Gama after his shock dismissal from Botafogo. The Brazilian wizard, however, may not sign a contract as Botafogo are asking \$140,000 for him, although they claim he is not good enough to play even in their reserve team.

● Tottenham and Manchester United played a 3-3 draw last Saturday before a crowd of 60,000 spectators.

● Exeter City, under the management of new broom Frank Broome (ex-Sydney Corinthians) spend one training session a week at the British Army's assault course at Wessex.

● Queen's Park Rangers received a blow to their Second Division hopes when their ace goal-getter, Rodney Marsh had to enter hospital for a foot operation.

● The English Lincoln City club's chief fundraiser is a namesake of an Australian all-time great — Norman Conquest.

● The West German Bundesliga will kick-off this weekend with many Turkish, Polish, French, Uruguayan, Belgian, Dutch, Yugoslav, Hungarian, Swiss, Swedish and Austrian players.

● Pele has demanded that the Santos management buy Botafogo's forward Gerson. Pele claims that he and Gerson, playing alongside each other, would restore Santos to its former glory.

● Inter Milan leaves for an American tour this week. They will play five matches and have been guaranteed a staggering \$120,000.

● Bulgaria's new champions, Botev Plovdiv, have changed their name to Trakia, the Bulgarian name for the province of Thrace, the capital of which is Plovdiv.

● Another top Yugoslav has joined a foreign club. International halfback Aleksic signed with the Dutch Enschede last week.

● Russian coaches are coming home. Netto is back in Moscow after a stint with Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus). Polonin has left Kuwait and Paramonov ended his contract with Tunis' Star Club.

● The Italian Olympic team ended a three-week training period in England where they played against Queen's Park Rangers, Peterborough, Southampton and Millwall.

● Wolverhampton have opened their new \$300,000 indoor training centre and social club.

● Bill Perry, the former Blackpool star who recently played a season with South Coast United, has signed for the Lancashire Combination club Fleetwood.

● One of West Germany's leading referees, 65-year-old Hans Konrad retires this year. Konrad, from Nurnberg, refereed 1,564 games in his 41-year career.

● West Germany's national team manager, Helmut Schoen, has been invited to conduct Chile's annual coaching clinic next month. On his way home, Schoen will spend a week in Brazil to observe how a top Brazilian club trains.

● Benfica will play three matches in the US — on August 19 at San Francisco, August 23 at Houston and on the 26th at Los Angeles. The Portuguese champions will be paid the princely sum of \$68,000 for their American appearances.

● Juventus will transfer their Argentinian-born forward, Angelillo, to AC Milan.

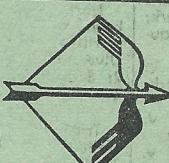
● Hong Kong FA secretary, Joseph Wong, has resigned to take up an appointment as Public Relations Officer with a large manufacturing firm. Wong visited Australia with Sing Tao last year.

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Fire-fighting

The Hungarian FA has sent a full set of football gear for 20 players to the English Southport, who recently lost their stand and equipment in a fire. During last year's World Cup the Hungarians were staying at the seaside town of Southport and with this gesture they wanted to reciprocate for the kindness of the population.

No Rhodes scholar . . .

Yorkshire born referee Peter Rhodes has announced his retirement. As he is basically an unknown whistler, this wouldn't raise one eyebrow. But Rhodes is the man who recently admitted that 11 of the 21 fouls he had awarded in a televised match in the US Pro League were phonies to allow the CBS television people to fit in their commercials. Rhodes, judging by his sudden retirement, may have spoken too rashly . . .

Big junior tournament

The annual San Remo Tournament for junior national teams will be held between August 17 and 26 on the Italian Riviera. Italy, France, the USSR, Yugoslavia, Spain, Switzerland, Scotland and West Germany will be competing. Italy won the 1966 tournament and are again tipped to take out the title this year.

Albanians pull out

Dinamo Tirana, the Albanian champions, have withdrawn from the European Cup where they were scheduled to meet West Germany's Eintracht Braunschweig in the first round on September 20 and October 4. The Albanians gave no explanation for their withdrawal.

Herd is back

David Herd, the great Manchester United forward will be fit for the start of the new season. Herd, a Scottish international, broke his leg on March 18 and thus missed the Australian tour. So far Herd has scored 128 Cup and League goals for United in 229 games.

Scotland's small crowds

Six Scottish Second Division clubs — East Stirling, Berwick, Brechin, Alloa, Stranraer and Stenhousemuir — didn't manage even to top 2,000 spectators in any competition match in the 1966-67 season. East Stirling drew the smallest crowds of any senior Scottish club. On no less than 14 occasions they played before crowds of less than 500 spectators at home. Smallest First Division Scottish crowd was 600 at the St. Mirrens v. St. Johnstone game and 100 in Second Division for Queen of the South v. East Stirling and Third Lanark v. Brechin. The biggest Second Division crowd of the season was only a paltry 7,625 (Raith v. Morton).

● The Hong Kong national team was unable to play two matches in Cambodia on their way to the Merdeka Tournament. The Cambodian FA is still black-listed by FIFA for having staged the illegal GANEFO Tournament in Phnom-Penh last November.

● Scottish club Partick Thistle caused a sensation last week when they marked their ground with red lines — the first time this had been done in Europe.

● Burnley have bought their first player in nine years, goalkeeper Rodney Jones, for \$38,000 from Rotherham.

● Everton's strapping Scot, Jimmy Gabriel was transferred to Southampton for a stiff \$112,000.

● The Moscow Army club, ZDSA is now being coached by the former famous Dynamo forward, Bobrov.

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MELBOURNE HSC SHOULD ENSURE STATE TITLE

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Nothing short of total collapse can rob Melbourne of the 1967 State League title with only three more rounds to be played.

Way out in front by four points, their nearest challengers, Juventus are by no means sure to win any or all their remaining three matches.

So Melbourne HSC can get ready for the pay-off and prepare for their celebrations.

Melbourne must be wary this weekend against Alexander, especially after the tremendous show of the Greek side against JUST.

However, with a vast superiority in skill, it's Melbourne to win.

Juventus, sure of a place in the Australia Cup and possible runners-up in the league should make Macedonia's position at the bottom even more hopeless and win without a great deal of trouble.

The Hellas v. Polonia clash is most interesting as the Greeks could yet finish up in the four.

Slavia, who are struggling to find finishers, cannot be optimistic about the outcome of their game with JUST.

George Cross meet Hakoah and anything could happen here.

George Cross have not the same potential in attack as Hakoah and may go under.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	14	2	3	43	15	30
Juventus	11	4	4	29	17	26
Croatia	10	4	5	36	22	24
Hakoah	10	3	6	36	26	23
JUST	9	4	6	39	46	22
Hellas	7	7	5	41	30	21
Slavia	8	3	7	31	30	19
G. Cross	6	5	8	29	33	17
Polonia	7	1	11	36	37	15
Lions	4	5	10	22	32	13
Alexander	3	4	12	21	44	10
Makedonia	3	2	14	21	52	8

AMATEUR RESULTS & TABLES

DIVISION I

Sydney Uni. v. Artarmon	2-4	0-6
Thistle v. St. Sydney	4-1	2-1
Kewpies v. Went War.	1-3	1-4
Marrickville v. N. Sydney	0-2	3-3
Lidcombe v. Concordia	0-1	1-2
Ryde v. Marrickville	2-2	0-1
Uni. NSW v. N. Sydney	2-2	1-2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
North Sydney	13	5	2	57	24	31
Marrickville	11	5	4	48	34	27
Artarmon	11	4	4	44	27	26
Ryde	9	6	4	43	27	24
Thistle	9	4	6	43	37	22
Concordia	9	4	7	38	39	22
South Sydney	6	6	7	37	36	18
Went Waratah	6	6	7	41	44	18
Uni. NSW	6	5	6	29	23	17
Kewpies	4	3	12	27	51	11
Lidcombe	1	6	12	22	49	8
Sydney Uni.	2	2	15	24	59	6

DIVISION II

	W	D	L	F	A	P
East Side	13	4	2	49	20	30
Belmore	15	—	5	61	33	30
Arndcliffe	12	2	6	52	26	26
Gymea	10	5	5	47	35	26
Warringah	9	6	4	47	27	24
Riverside	8	4	6	32	32	20
Penrith	7	4	8	37	40	18
All Stars	6	4	9	44	42	16
Arndcliffe	6	3	9	37	34	15
Gymea	6	3	11	45	51	15
Yagoona	5	2	13	31	62	2
L'pool Inter	—	2	18	15	97	2

DIVISION III

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Enmore	20	—	159	20	40	
St. Marys	14	1	4	79	38	29
G'ville-H'b'y	13	3	4	63	36	29
Dee Why	13	2	5	62	37	28
Condell Park	10	4	5	63	40	24
Padstow	9	1	10	57	63	19
Smithfield	7	2	11	42	61	16
L'pool City	8	—	11	41	65	16
Blacktown	4	4	12	31	66	12
Greenacre	5	2	12	44	91	12
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	16	34	78	7
Padstow RSL	1	—	17	21	102	2

THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

First Division: South Sydney v. Ryde — Booralee; NSW v. Thistle — Prince Henry Oval; Sydney Uni. v. Kewpies — St. Paul's Oval; Concordia v. Artarmon — Mackay Park.

Second Division: Riverside v. Yagoona — Mahoney Park; Auburn v. Penrith — Progress Park; Gymea v. Arndcliffe Scots — Sylvania Reserve; East Side v. All Stars — Moore Park.

Third Division: St. Marys v. Ku-ring-gai — Jamison Park; Dee Why v. Padstow RSL — Dee Why Oval; Blacktown Spurs v. Enmore — Maryong Oval; Gladysville-Hornsby v. Smithfield — Somerville Park; Condell Park v. Liverpool City — Bankstown Showground.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

First Division: South Sydney v. Lidcombe — Booralee; Marrickville v. Thistle — Mackay Park; NSW Uni. v. Ryde — David Phillips Oval; Went Waratah — Jones Park; Kewpies v. Artarmon — Colquhoun Park.

Second Division: Belmore v. Liverpool Inter — Rudd Park; Guildford v. Warringah — Guildford Oval; East Side v. Arndcliffe Scots — Moore Park.

Third Division: St. Marys v. Padstow RSL — Jamison Park; Liverpool City v. Willoughby — Woodward Park; Condell Park v. Greenacre — Bankstown Showground.

WEST AUSTRALIA

Division Two: Subiaco 0, Kewpie 4.

Division Three: Caledonian 0, Julia 1; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Four: Swan Valley 1, Perth City 3; Cockburn 1, Swan Athletic 4.

Division Five: Fremantle 0, Maccabi 1, Caledonian 0;

Division Six: University 1, Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Seven: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Eight: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Nine: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Ten: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Eleven: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twelve: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Thirteen: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Fourteen: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Fifteen: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Sixteen: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Seventeen: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Eighteen: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Nineteen: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twenty: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twenty-one: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twenty-two: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twenty-three: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twenty-four: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twenty-five: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twenty-six: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twenty-seven: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twenty-eight: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

Division Twenty-nine: Fremantle 0, Caledonian 0; Scarboro 1; Athena 5, Dalmatian 0.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION**MANLY COULD CLINCH TITLE THIS WEEKEND**

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Granville temporarily head the table after two close wins against Sutherland and Marconi, but Manly with a comfortable win against Balgownie and a match in hand are still the favorites for promotion.

Western Suburbs' loss to Marconi on Saturday has put Corinthians in the running for the semifinals and the clash between these two sides next weekend should decide the issue.

Here are last weekend's match reports:

Granville v.**Sutherland 2-1**

This game was fast and entertaining as both sides struggled for command of midfield but the ball was evenly shared and the score of 1-1 at half-time was a true indication of the trend of play.

After the interval, Granville played with more deter-

mination and were the more polished side, but many good movements were wasted in front of goal.

When the match seemed set for a draw, Shepherd dribbled past two defenders before crossing a perfect pass to the unmarked O'Neill who beat Pines with a beautiful placement from ten yards.

Scorers for Granville: Shepherd and O'Neill; for Sutherland: Cucitti.

Marconi v.**Western Suburbs 3-0**

A rather harsh decision by the referee to send Adrian Smit off the field after an earlier caution ruined what could have developed into a tight tussle at Marconi Oval.

Marconi's superiority in the first half resulted in a 2-0 lead through Zorato's header in the 24th minute and Napta exploiting a goalmouth scrimmage in the 39th minute.

After the interval play was fairly even but Wests, with only a four-man forward line, could never pierce the Marconi defence.

Ten minutes from the end Marconi increased their lead when a magnificent shot from 15 yards by Giacometti found the net to seal a well deserved win.

North Bankstown v.**Lane Cove 2-1**

This was a very scrappy game which could have gone either way, but North Bankstown finally managed to win their first game against Lane Cove in the last two seasons.

The home team led 2-0 at halftime and the visitors scored their only goal five minutes from time.

Scorers for North Bankstown: Roberts and Gamble (o.g.); for Lane Cove: Nadj.

Blacktown v.**Bankstown 0-10**

Bankstown, playing superbly, crushed relegation-doomed Blacktown with a cricket score, scoring two goals in the first two minutes and four in the last three.

The locals had no answer to the Bankstown scoring machine which systematically ripped the opposing defence to ribbons and scored at will from start to finish.

Scorers for Bankstown: Bamforth (4), Tansley (4) and Turnbull (2).

Hornsby-NE v.**Corinthians 0-1**

The only goal of the match was scored in the 20th minute when Alf Orr headed in a perfect corner kick taken by Amey.

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Corinthians dominated play for most of the game but the forwards missed many easy chances.

Balgownie v.**Manly 1-3**

Manly took the lead after 10 minutes, but Balgownie soon equalised and the half-time score was 1-1.

After the interval, Manly took command and Waller scored two good goals to cap a hat-trick and seal yet another fine win for his side.

Scorers for Balgownie: Kearton; for Manly Waller (3).

Marconi v.**Granville 2-3**

This very important tussle was marred from the beginning when fighting broke out between supporters.

The referee was abused and stones and other missiles thrown at him, and he had to be escorted and protected from the angry mob at the end of the match.

The game itself was scrappy, and although Marconi opened the score, Granville hopes alive.

Corinthians dominated play were the better side throughout.

Scorers for Marconi: Napta and Seni; for Granville: Dickson, Creely (penalty) and Shepherd.

THIS WEEKEND

Manly could clinch promotion this weekend when they play twice — against Hornsby-North End on Saturday and Blacktown on Sunday.

They cannot afford the slightest slip-up as Granville are breathing down their necks.

The Seasiders are expected to win both games and take a giant step towards promotion.

The Western Suburbs v. Corinthians game will almost certainly decide which of these two teams joins Manly, Granville and Bankstown in the final play-offs.

Bankstown should beat local rivals North Bankstown who double-up on Sunday against Sutherland.

Granville should be untroubled to down Lane Cove

and keep their promotion hopes alive.

WITH THE AMATEURS**NORTH SYDNEY HAVE IT WON**

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

North Sydney Inter have virtually captured the First Division premiership as the result of a win and a draw last weekend.

After gaining two points against Marrickville on Saturday, in a deferred match, North Sydney were held to a 2-2 draw by University of NSW on Sunday.

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